

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Crusade Abroad

Means Sacrifice

at Home

Along with the rest of you I heard President Truman's report on the state of the union, as broadcast from the House of Representatives Monday noon.

It was an excellent speech. What- ever qualifying phrases you may think of are due to what Harry Truman does — not what he says.

But there was one great anchor point, of both statement and fact, that gave the country new assurance and confidence. The president said flatly that our Atlantic Pact allies are going to put up, together, a bigger fighting machine than our own contribution to the defense of Europe.

This had been the close question in most American minds. The president made the statement without qualification, and, since he has just received detailed reports from Secretary of State Dean Acheson on last month's overseas conference we may presume Mr. Truman knows what he's talking about.

The fact is the Democratic administration still has the only definite foreign policy Americans can rally around. On the other hand, the nation leans with increasing momentum toward the Republican point of view on domestic questions. This is a tragic and dangerous situation — one that is due primarily to Mr. Truman's unhappy faculty for planning big things abroad but conducting political business "as usual" back home.

For instance, we hear Washington reports that despite the world crisis and the imminence of actual war with Russia Mr. Truman is proposing a record civilian-needs budget for our own country. This is wrong. Government, which asks great sacrifices of its citizens in a time of national emergency, should set the example by living frugally itself — save where arms are concerned.

Political spending should be cut to the bone.

Of this, Mr. Truman said nothing that I recall. But the point will be pressed against him in the congress just the same.

Surely it is the duty of he who asks for national unity and political co-operation to be prepared to give it also.

Price Support on Some Items to Be Asked

Washington, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Two senators, a Democrat and a Republican said today they expect the administration to ask congress for new and higher price supports for some farm products as a spur to production.

This was the interpretation Senators Ellender (D-La.) and Thye (R-Minn.) put on portions of President Truman's "state of the union" message to congress yesterday.

Ellender, the new chairman of the senate agriculture committee, told a reporter that what Mr. Truman apparently had in mind was legislation similar to that of World War II days to guarantee farmers prices high enough to assure adequate production of needed crops.

Thye, another member of the agriculture committee, similarly viewed the President's general recommendation that congress revise farm laws to help obtain the kind of products required by the nation's expanding defense program.

Mr. Truman himself gave no details; he may do so in his economic message later in the week. Neither did he give details on what he wants from congress in the way of "revision and extension" of his authority to stabilize prices, wages and rents.

Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson is now studying a proposed 30-day general freeze on price increases by business firms as a temporary measure during preparations for wage-price action. His decision is expected within a week. The economic stabilization agency (ESA), which has frozen the prices of new auto sat Dec. 1 levels, planned to hold a new conference with industry representatives Thursday in an attempt to work out a price fixing formula. The present freeze is effective only until March 1.

ESA's wage stabilization board, headed by Cyrus S. Ching, plans to go to work tomorrow with top labor and industry officials to try to arrive at a wage stabilization policy. First talks will be with John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

That puts Lewis in a key position to disrupt the wage stabilization program before it gets started if he chooses to fight for a new wage boost for his 480,000 miners.

On the question of farm prices, Ellender and Thye said they look for the administration to seek something similar to the World War II legislation providing mandatory government price supports for poultry, eggs, meats and a number of other perishable crops. Previously these mandatory price supports had been limited, as they are now, to such basic crops as cotton, corn, wheat, soybeans and rice.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair weather, light afternoon; tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy; mild.

Badman Cook Continues to Elude Officers

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 9 — (AP) — Badman Bill Cook is still at large today somewhere in the United States or Mexico — and that leaves officers plenty of territory to comb for the Missouri ex-convict.

Men resembling him were reported yesterday in Texas, Oregon and Kansas. But the FBI here frankly was at a loss to explain how or where Cook — if it was he — got back across the Mexican border, and so far north in 30 hours.

Apparently there were no direct news clues leading to the 24-year-old desperado, who blazed a trail of terror through Oklahoma and California, killing perhaps eight persons.

But the town of Cherryville in southeastern Kansas was in an uproar last night after a 21-year-old woman reported a man answering Cook's description approached her car in what she thought was an attempt to kidnap her. She told police Chief Albert Clark there was another man with him.

The woman, whose name was withheld, said she grabbed her car keys and fled into her mother's home before the men could stop her. Said Clark: "The whole town is aroused and the police station is filled with people who want guns."

Adding to the hubbub in Kansas was the report of a service station operator in Pittsburgh — only 24 miles from Cook's hometown of Joplin, Mo. — that he had sold last night. The car was described as a green 1947 Chevrolet with Oklahoma license plates.

FBI agents in Houston were keeping an eye on Cook's sister's home there after a hitchhiker said he rode across Texas from El Paso with a short stocky man resembling the gunman.

Barrell E. Hall, 21, told police the man kept a pistol on the seat between them. The car was a 1949 or 1950 sedan with Texas license plates.

Oregon highway patrolmen were alerted to be on the lookout for a hitchhiker resembling the desperado. A motorist, E. A. Morvaec, Milwaukie, Oregon, told Oregon city police last night he picked up a hitchhiker who answered Cook's description.

The man jumped out of his car and ran when Morvaec stopped at an Oregon city gas station. Morvaec said the hiker had asked him if he had money and plenty of gasoline and that he replied no to both questions.

The man said he was from San Francisco, hadn't eaten for two days and was headed for Canada or Idaho, Morvaec told officers.

Parking Meters Bringing in Expected Toll

The city's parking meters are netting about the sum expected when installed. Christmas week, naturally, was the biggest take with over \$500 but that figure has tapered off considerably — to \$431 the past week. City officials expect the average to run around \$400 per week.

The counter-meter at the Police Station is still the best paying one in town. That's where you take the red tickets and feed the machine with a nickel — certainly a reasonable fine for overparking. But the red tickets are not so numerous as in the early stages of the "machine era."

Citizens Bank Re-elects Same Officers, Board

Reporting a "very satisfactory year," C. C. Spragins, executive vice-president of Citizens National Bank, announced that all officers and board members had been re-elected at an annual meeting today.

Officers are: O. A. Graves, chairman of the board; R. M. LaGrone, Jr., president; C. C. Spragins, executive vice-president; Dale Jones, cashier and Olin Lewis, assistant-cashier.

Board of directors: O. A. Graves, R. M. LaGrone, Jr., C. C. Spragins, A. L. Black, S. L. Reed, J. A. Haynes, Albert Graves, N. T. Jewell, George W. Peck, George W. Robison, and T. F. McLarty.

Three Local Soldiers to Fort Benning

After six weeks basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas three soldiers from this area have been transferred to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga. where they will receive additional training.

They include: Sgt. Frank A. Patterson and Dee B. Achley of Hope and Horace D. Smith of Rosston, Ark.

Name of First State Capitol to Be Changed

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Arkansas' first state capitol, now known officially as the War Memorial building, may be "the old state house" again.

Tom W. Campbell, Little Rock attorney-historian, who served as a legislator in the old building, said yesterday he had prepared a bill which would authorize the change. Campbell is a member of the Arkansas Commemorative commission, which erected recent reconstruction of the old capitol.

He said the bill would be reviewed by the commission, and would be introduced in the legislature by State Sen. Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff, also a commission member.

Sending Troops to Europe May Bring First Test

Washington, Jan. 9 — (AP) — A senate vote on sending American troops to Europe appeared likely today the first test in congress of President Truman's program to center free world defenses there.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican floor leader, promised to seek action soon on a resolution barring the assignment of additional U. S. ground forces to Europe until congress fixes an overall policy.

This issue is at the heart of the swelling foreign policy debate which has taken on added vigor in the wake of severe military reverses in Korea.

Reduced to its essence, the debate is over whether this nation should concentrate its defenses against Communist aggression within its own shores or should give extensive aid as well to friendly nations in Western Europe and elsewhere.

Mr. Truman said nothing about sending more troops abroad in his personally delivered "state of the union" message to the new congress yesterday.

But he described the North Atlantic community as "the heart of our defense effort" and left no doubt that he has no intention of turning back from the course of helping friendly nations to rearm.

The President also pledged that avenues of negotiation would be kept open in the hope of reaching a peaceful settlement with Russia, but he declared that "we will fight, if fight we must."

Wherry's resolution, which he laid in a parliamentary position where he could call it before the senate almost any time, would bar assignment of any further ground forces to Europe "pending the formulation of a policy with respect thereto by the congress."

Administration leaders planned an effort to send it to the Democratic-controlled foreign relations committee where it probably would die.

The test vote, which could come on that day issue, was generally expected to be close.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who argues that the President doesn't have authority to commit troops abroad without consulting congress promised to air his views in a National Press Club speech.

Mr. Truman promised weapons and equipment not only to North Atlantic treaty partners but to nations in the Near East and the Far East "which are trying to defend their freedom."

Throughout a 30-minute address which lawmakers interrupted by applause 15 times, the President pointed away at them that the security of free nation slices in banding together and building military strength to the point where "soviet rulers may face the facts and lay aside their plans to take over the world."

But Mr. Truman left unanswered many questions about Korea, the extent of home front sacrifices and even the amount of new taxes he will propose — except to say the tax boost would be "major."

Vincent W. Foster Elected Director of First National

Vincent W. Foster was elected a new member of the board of directors of First National bank at the annual meeting in Hope today. All other officers and directors were re-elected, as follows:

Lloyd Spencer, president; W. Kendall Lemley, vice-president; Syd McMath, executive vice-president; Thomas E. Hays, cashier; Miss Genie Chamberlain, assistant cashier; Cecil J. O'Steen, assistant cashier.

Directors: Graydon Anthony, J. P. Duffie, B. W. Edwards, W. H. Gunter, Thomas E. Hays, W. Kendall Lemley, Syd McMath, E. M. McWilliams, Earl O'Neal, Lloyd Spencer, E. P. Stewart, and the new member, Vincent W. Foster.

McMath Asks for More Money But Legislature Gets Bills Calling for Tax Reductions

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Gov. Sid McMath launched his second term today with a request for more taxes to enable Arkansas to maintain state services and undertake new construction.

At the same time, he called for economy, but cautioned the 58th general assembly to "guard against false economy."

In his inaugural address McMath asked for an increase in levies on liquor and cigarettes, doubling of state income tax rate and a new tax on soft drinks. He estimated that the revenue would produce an estimated \$12,000,000 to \$18,000,000 additional money for the state.

The 38-year-old Democrat said at the outset of his address that "we are again at war," and that we must approach our duties against a background of war.

The first two items mentioned in a detailed summary of appropriation requests were the military department and a new agency — civil defense. "First of all," McMath explained, "we should look first to the state's immediate role in the national defense."

The governor, as widely predicted, took his case for an expanded state hospital with a new medical center straight to the lawmakers.

"The construction of the medical center and state hospital cannot wait until after the present emergency," McMath declared soberly. "The medical center will cost \$11,000,000. The state hospital will cost \$13,000,000."

"If the legislature will appropriate \$2,000,000 for the medical center for the current year and \$7,000,000 per year for the next five years to be divided equally between the medical center and the state hospital, I am confident that with the funds already available the balance of the money needed to complete these facilities can be obtained from private endowment and government matching funds."

He said that unless the legislature can dig up \$1,300,000 to pay the welfare department's current appropriation in full, no grants whatever can be paid during April and May of this year.

"We cannot permit some 89,000 of our fellow Arkansians to undergo this cruel suffering," said McMath.

At the same time, he said he recognized that there "are some abuses — some people are receiving aid who should take care of themselves or be cared for by their families." But he added that those abuses have been kept to a minimum.

"Our most pressing and demanding state problem, in war or peace, is that of adequate school support," McMath told the solons. And he went on to say that with school costs up and state revenues — in some important instances — down, the public school fund faces a six million dollar deficit.

"Unless these funds are found, Continued on Page Four

By HARLEY PERSHING AND GENE NEWSOM

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Bills to reduce Arkansas' tax burden were introduced in the legislature today — just before Governor McMath asked for an additional \$17,000,000 in tax levies.

Both measures, one in the house and one in the senate, would permit deduction of all federal income tax payments in computing state income tax.

The bills were introduced by Sen. Ellis Fagan of Little Rock and Rep. Dean P. Houston of Cleburne county.

Full deduction of the federal tax was allowed before 1947. But under former Gov. Ben Laney's guidance the legislature passed a law permitting state income taxpayers to deduct only 50 per cent of the federal income tax payment.

In 1949, Governor McMath successfully put through a bill to remove the remaining 50 per cent allowance.

In his inaugural address Governor McMath said an additional \$17,000,000 in taxes was needed to operate the state during the next two years.

One of his legislative proposals was to double the state income tax rate.

Houston said in his bill "It has been found that additional taxes have been placed upon the citizens of this state by the federal government in order to maintain the national defense and that the taxes now in force in this state are burdensome and that relief should be given."

The measure carries an emergency clause that would make it effective just as soon as it was passed and signed by the governor.

Rep. DeWitt Poe of Desha county submitted a bill to require that a person who pleads insanity in Chancery court contempt proceedings for failure to make family support payments will be sent to the state hospital for nervous diseases. He would remain under observation for not more than one month.

Another measure "by" Houston would repeal an existing law allowing trucks hauling certain natural resources special favors.

The house brought up the \$235,000 appropriation bill for its own expenses but deferred action on it until this afternoon.

Rep. J. D. Purdie of Faulkner asked about house employees for whose salaries the appropriation bill would earmark \$47,700.

"I want to know if all these employees are actually working?" Purdie asked.

Speaker James R. Campbell said he believed they either are or would be and he asked Rep. Clifton Wade of Washington county, chairman of the subcommittee of the efficiency committee, to "look after that and see that they are here."

Sen. Fagan also introduced a bill to make Arkansas' dependency allowance coincide with that of the federal government. The federal government permits you to deduct

Taxes and More Taxes Needed Says Truman

Washington, Jan. 9 — (AP) — President Truman said today the nation must be taxed "until it hurts" to arm the free world against the menace of Communist aggression.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, it was learned, believes that despite widespread recommendations for "pay-as-you-go" financing, taxation steep enough to pay out of hand for the huge re-armament effort would rip the nation's economic fabric.

Any hope that sizeable new federal deficits could be avoided by increased taxes appeared to be fading as members of the new congress sized up probable outlay and came to a tentative conclusion that the government will need somewhere in the region of \$75,000,000,000 in the coming fiscal year. That is \$25,000,000 more than this year.

The President gave his warning that "it is necessary to tax until it hurts" in a conciliatory letter to Senator Byrd (D-Va.) with whom Mr. Truman has often clashed. The senator made the letter public today.

The letter immediately aroused sales tax, or other forms of tax, on all or most of the nation's commerce.

It was learned that Secretary Snyder told the armed forces "Industrial college" here in a recent talk.

"We must recognize that it is impossible in fact to cover all the expenditures of a full-scale military effort through taxation of current incomes. . . in a system of free business enterprise such as ours, there is no alternative in war financing other than a combination of taxation and borrowing."

Upon releasing Mr. Truman's letter, Byrd told newsmen:

"I feel certain that, if the budget is balanced, congress not only must cut all non-essential government spending and increase the existing sources of revenue, but also must enter new fields of taxation — probably such as retail sales or transaction tax."

Byrd did not advocate any specific tax plan in giving his opinion of what might be necessary if the national budget hits \$75,000,000,000 to \$80,000,000,000 a year.

Mr. Truman told Byrd he had always tried to make the revenues meet the expenses of the government, and added: "present conditions are such now, however, that it is necessary to tax until it hurts."

He mentioned no specific figure, but some members of congress are guessing that he will ask for about \$100,000,000 more in new taxes.

The letter seemed to reflect a presidential feeling that it will be difficult to match revenue with expenses in the defense program.

Six Persons Die Violently in State on Monday

By the Associated Press
Six persons died from accident and violence in Arkansas Monday, Jack Collins Word, 27, son of a Bentonville minister, and a young woman companion, were found dead of asphyxiation in a tourist cottage north of Rogers. The woman was identified tentatively from cards in her purse as Miss Josephine Flori, daughter of Tony Flori of Tonitown. Coroner W. F. Burns returned a verdict that the deaths were due to asphyxiation.

Four-year-old Shirley Ann Prott was killed when she was struck by an automobile at Hot Springs. Earlier, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pierson of near Dardanelle were killed in a traffic collision near Conway. A suicide was reported at Stuttgart.

Professors to Panama for Study Series

Fayetteville, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Three officials of the University of Arkansas college of agriculture left today for the Republic of Panama to study the country's general agricultural situation.

They are Dr. Lippert S. Ellis, dean and director; Associate Director R. P. Bartholomew of the agricultural experiment station, and Acting Director L. A. Dhanau of the agricultural extension service.

They expect to spend about two weeks in Panama. The trip is being made at the request of the office of Panamanian agricultural relations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in connection with certain agricultural projects.

The American call her "Pat" and say "she's swell."

Those women wonder about one thing, though. That's the way Pat sometimes stands at the window by the runway. They wonder at the far-away look in her eyes as the silver jets roar skyward for Korea.

They don't know she sees them there in the sky.

Economic Council Hires Special Man to Get Contracts

Little Rock, Jan. 9 — (AP) — The Arkansas Economic Council's Chamber of Commerce yesterday instructed its executive committee to employ a Washington representative to help channel defense industries and war contracts to the state.

A minority of directors of the organization opposed the move on grounds that members of the Arkansas congressional delegation should take care of such matters.

UN to Make Final Appeal to China

Lake Success, Jan. 8 — (AP) — The United Nations prepared today to make an final appeal to the Chinese Communists for peace in Korea before taking up an American demand to brand the Peiping regime an aggressor.

The delay, urged by Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb, will postpone action on the American proposal for at least 10 days or two weeks. Jebb conceded the new peace efforts had little chance of success, but said:

"It must be absolutely clear that if (failure) was in no way the fault of those nations whose one object was not to attack China but simply to demonstrate that aggression does not pay."

He added, in a speech yesterday to the 60-nation political committee, that "the present situation in which the government of Peiping is openly flouting the authority of the United Nations" cannot go on for long.

It was clear today that, if Peiping spurns the new offer, almost all countries outside the Russian bloc will swing into line to support American demands for some action against the Chinese Reds.

Just what form the new peace proposals will take has not yet been determined.

The three-man cease fire committee — assembly President Narolith Entezam of Iran, Sir Benegal U. Khan of India and Chandra Lester B. Pearson — have sent a so-called "declaration of principles" to their governments for study.

Its contents are secret but one provision is understood to be a promise to Peiping that her representatives would be asked to a conference on Far Eastern problems after the troops have withdrawn from Korea.

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Bans Airguns

North Little Rock, Ark. — The North Little Rock city council has passed an ordinance banning the use of airguns in the city.

U. S. Forces Grow More Ground to Rolling Reds

Tokyo, Jan. 9 — (AP) — Allied troops fought desperately today to slow the Communist tide rolling toward the heart of South Korea and menacing the U. S. Eighth army's retreat route to the old Pusan beachhead.

Two United Nations battalions attacked a Red Korean force two miles south of battle-wrecked Wonsu, road hub abandoned Monday to the Reds.

An allied regiment confronted a Red Korean force of six miles southwest of Wonsu. Allied artillery slammed into the Reds and fighter-bombers roared down in close support.

Field dispatches said the fighting still was raging shortly before midnight Tuesday.

The south of Wonsu attack also was reported. The Reds gained a half-mile Monday and Allied forces later covered most of the ground.

Communist forces rushed south of abandoned Ogan was spotted to patrol.

But army intelligence reported the Chinese were building up massive attacking force near Ogan. At least 20,000 Chinese troops were spotted in the area.

The Eighth Army continued to treat to the southeast. Vanquish of the fast moving Red troops passed close onto the heels of the guard troops.

Two patrol flights flared 14 miles southeast of Ogan. They attack put the Reds only 10 miles — less by air — from Kum river where the U. S. Division began its tragic flight of Taejon last July.

The Korean Communists worked now by hundreds of thousands of Chinese who entered war when the Allies aimed to win, were retreating the summer conquest into Korea.

The Reds walked into the Ogan area. The Reds, in the town near the first American soldiers. Korean was killed last. Communist forces rushed day into the Ogan area, may for the continuing pursuit of fleeing Eighth Army. The moved artillery southward the Han river at Seoul.

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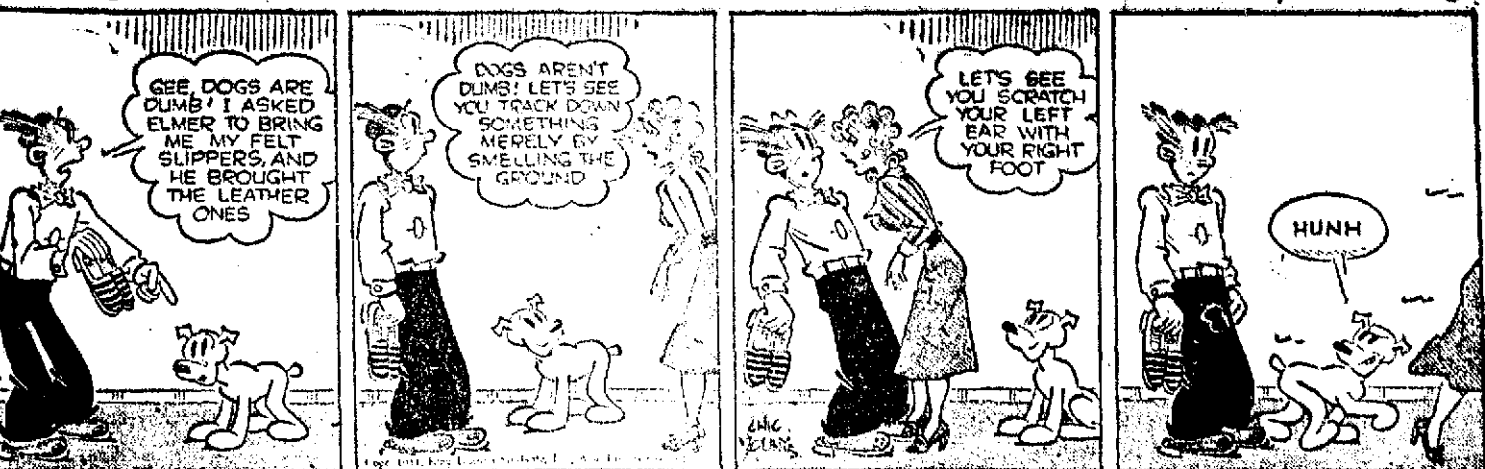
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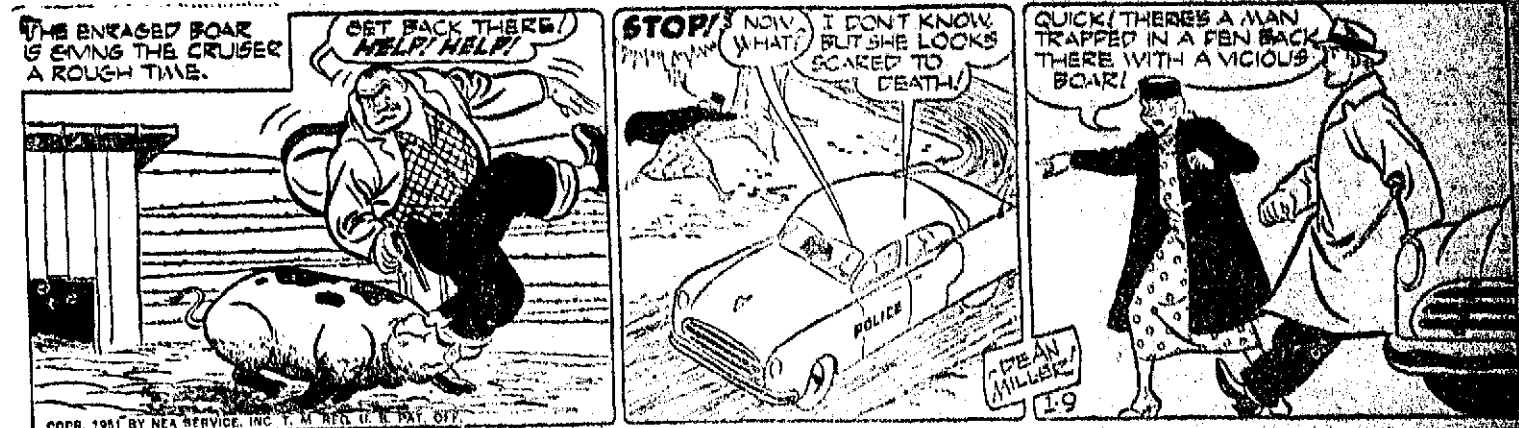
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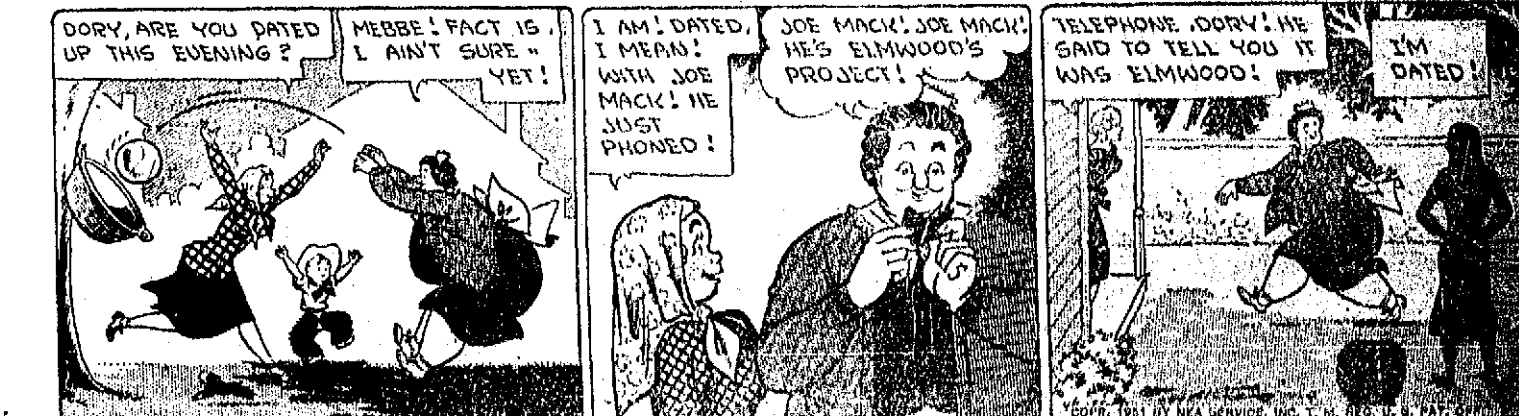


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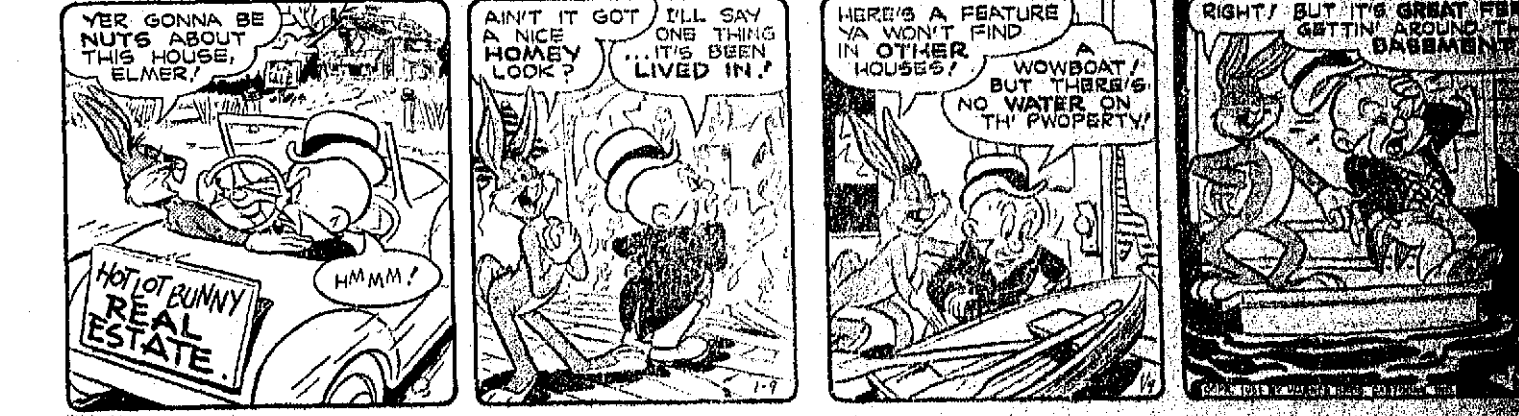


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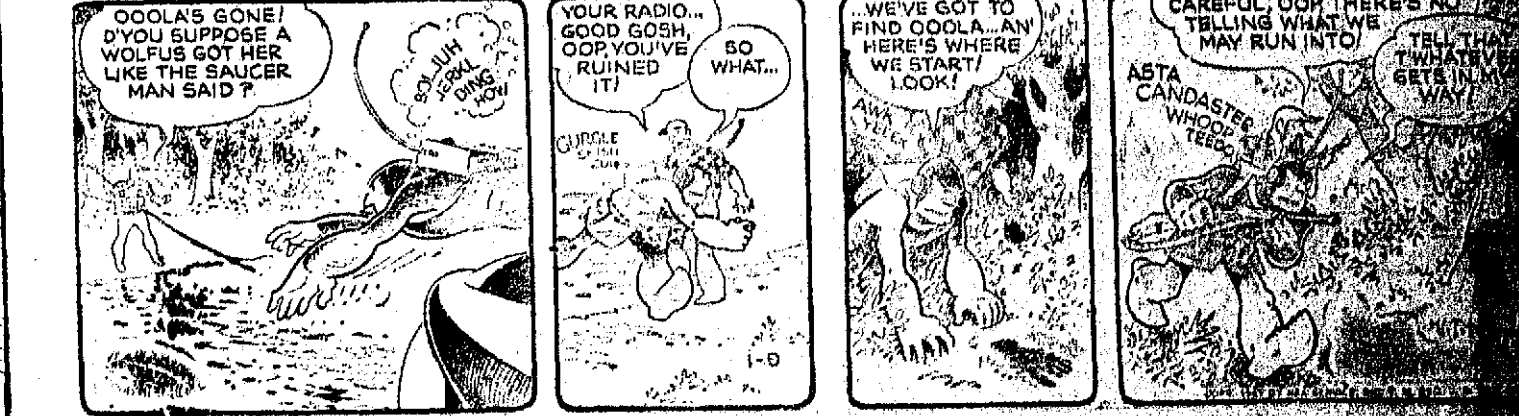


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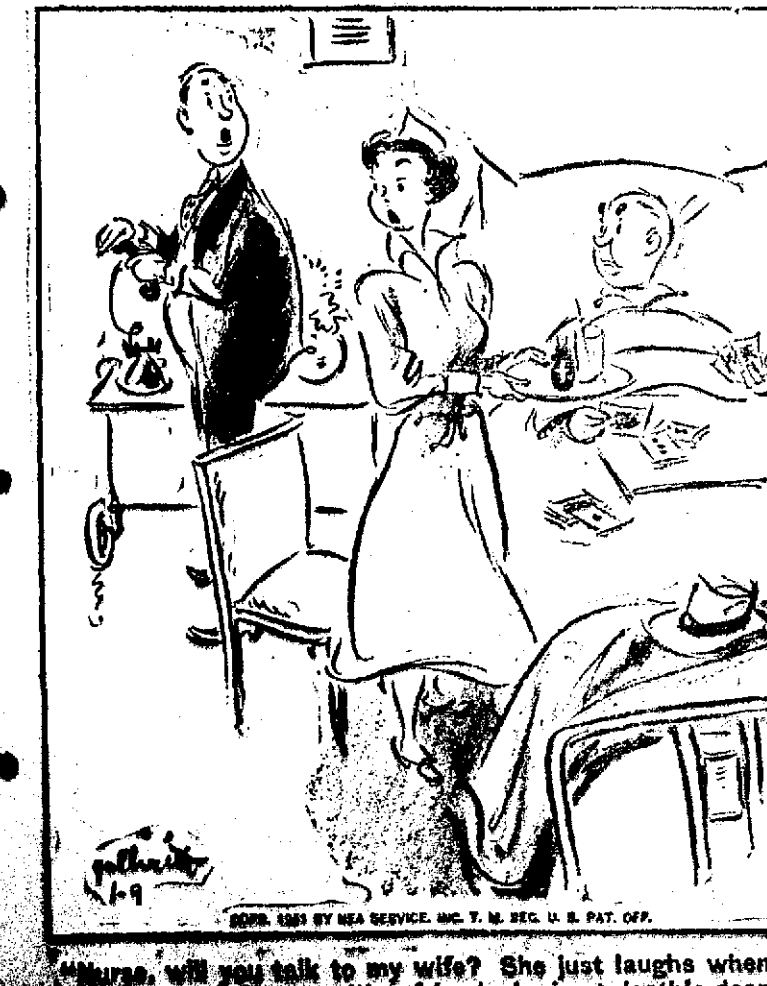
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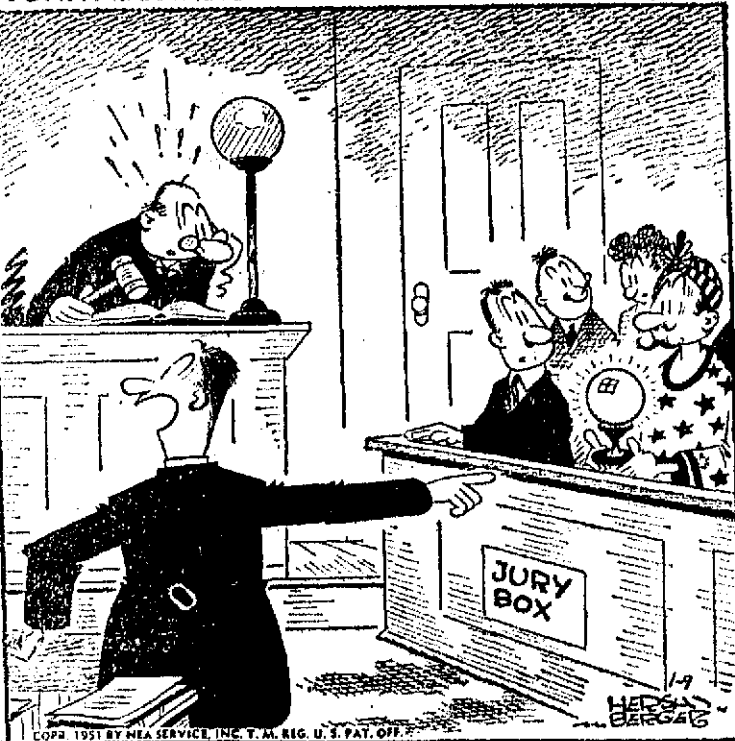
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